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You Can Purchase this Backyard Composter from the City

It's easy to create your own nutrient-rich compost for your flower and vegetable gardens by composting your lawn clippings and garden waste in your own backyard. To help you get started, the City purchases tumbler composters in bulk and offers them to residents at a cost lower than the retail price. The 5-cubic-foot capacity composter shown here costs **\$90**, and to purchase one, all you have to do is stop by the DPW office at 1 Franey Road during normal business hours. Payment may be made by check, money order, Visa or MasterCard.



It's Easy to Recycle Electronic Waste!

You can recycle unwanted household electronics for free at the DPW at One Franey Rd. during normal business hours. Just bring proof of residency and you can drop off TVs, laptops, desktop computers with keyboards and monitors, phones, printers, copiers and scanners, projectors, audio and video equipment, electronic cables, toner or ink cartridges, game consoles, microwaves, lamps and other household electronics. You can also call to request curbside pickup of old TVs or monitors (see inside for details). More information at somervillema.gov/recycling.

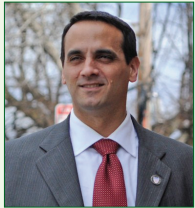




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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE GUIDE 2015

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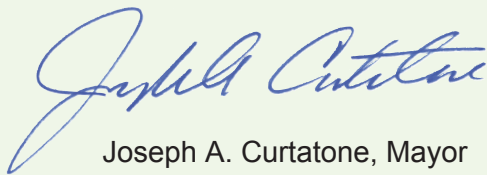


A Message from the Mayor

Welcome to the 2015 Somerville Environmental Service Guide. Inside, you'll

find what may seem simply like useful information, but you could also think of this guide as a map for how we can each easily do our part to make Somerville a great place to live.

Every item you recycle helps to both protect our environment and reduce the City's solid waste disposal costs. Every bit of trash that you properly dispose of helps keep our city clean and inviting. And every bag of yard waste that you compost or put out to be recycled into mulch reduces our solid waste production. In short, each individual action you take adds up to a better community for everyone. So I thank you for reviewing this guide and for your daily efforts to recycle and keep our city clean. I hope to see you at the Spring Cleanup and Barbecue on Saturday, April 25th, too.


Joseph A. Curtatone, Mayor



Somerville is committed to becoming a resilient and carbon-neutral city by 2050. For the latest on these efforts, visit the new SustainaVille website at sommervillema.gov/sustainaville and follow Green Somerville on Facebook at [fb.com/greensomerville](https://www.facebook.com/greensomerville).

Electric Car Charging Coming to Somerville

This spring, the City's first electric vehicle charging stations will pop up along with the daffodils in Davis and Union Squares and at City Hall. The public stations are part of a pilot to see how we can best promote e-vehicles in Somerville. E-vehicles keep our air cleaner, use less energy, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. So it's a win-win-win for Somerville—and the planet. A big thanks to the Mass. Electric Vehicle Incentive Program and the Department of Energy Resources for funding the stations.



Styrofoam Recycling Days

Sat., June 13, 9 a.m.–Noon, 1 Franey Rd.

Sat., Sept. 12, 9 a.m.–Noon, 1 Franey Rd.

Did you know that Styrofoam is **not** accepted in recycling bins because it crumbles and contaminates other recycling items? Fortunately, it can still be recycled properly at our two on Styrofoam Recycling Days in June and September. You can recycle Styrofoam marked with the recycling symbol and the number 6, such as packing blocks, clean produce and meat trays or take-out containers, cups, foam egg cartons and white insulation sheets. *No packing peanuts please!*



Test Your Recycling Knowledge

1. Plastic utensils (forks, spoons, etc.) can go in the Zero-Sort bin. True False
2. Polar fleece is made from recycled
A. Glass B. Wool C. Plastic
3. It's OK to leave plastic caps on water bottles when recycling. True False
4. Glass bottles can be recycled A. 10 times B. 125 times
C. Forever, they never wear out.
5. I don't need to clean food waste off containers before recycling. True False





Answers: 1. False. Plastic utensils can't go in your Zero-Sort bin because they are generally not a number 1 to 7 plastic. You can switch to reusable utensils to avoid waste. 2. C, plastic. 3. True. 4. C, forever. 5. False. Please clean food waste from containers, pizza boxes and foil before recycling.

Contact Information & Hours

Call 311 (or 617-666-3311) or visit sommervillema.gov/trash

DPW Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

 Facebook at [fb.com/SomervilleCity](https://www.facebook.com/SomervilleCity) or [fb.com/311](https://www.facebook.com/311)

 Tweet to [@311Somerville](https://twitter.com/311Somerville) or [@SomervilleCity](https://twitter.com/SomervilleCity)

DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING INFORMATION

CONTAINERS:

- Aerosol Cans (empty)
- Aluminum Cans, Trays & Foil
- Glass Bottles & Jars
- Metal Cans
- Milk Cartons, Juice boxes & all Tetra Paks®
- Large Plastics (buckets, laundry baskets, toys)
- Stiff Plastic Containers
- Spiral Cans (potato chip, nut cans)



**With zero-sort,
your recycling all
goes in one cart!**

**Mix clean containers
and papers together
in one cart.**

**Flatten or nest
cardboard boxes
when possible.**

**More info at
[somervillema.gov/
recycling](http://somervillema.gov/recycling)**

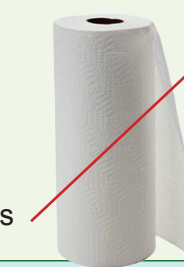
PAPERS:

- Books (rip off hard covers)
- Cardboard Boxes
- Paper Coffee Cups (empty)
- Frozen Food Boxes (if it rips)
- Paperboard (cereal boxes, paper towel rolls)
- Phone Books & Junk Mail (remove free samples)
- Pizza Boxes (empty, no food)
- Newspapers & Inserts
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Paper Bags
- Shredded Paper (in clear plastic or a paper bag)
- White & Colored Paper (staples, paper clips, spirals OK)
- Wrapping Paper



NOT ALLOWED IN RECYCLING CART:

- No Trash
- No Plastic Bags
- No Plastic Knives, Forks, Spoons
- No Styrofoam
- No Food Waste
- No Toothbrushes
- No Ceramics, Dishes or Glassware
- No Clothes Hangers
- No Electronics or Light Bulbs
- No Paint Containers
- No Paper Towels or Napkins
- No Photographs or Blueprints
- No Pots, Pans or Scrap Metal
- No Windows, Plate Glass or Mirrors
- No DVDs, CDs, VCR or Cassette Tapes



HOW TO DISPOSE OF WHITE GOODS, TVs, MATTRESSES, FURNITURE & BATTERIES:

- **White Goods** - To dispose of household appliances such as washers and dryers, refrigerators, dishwashers, ovens, air conditioners or hot water heaters, purchase a \$25 white goods sticker (check, money order, Visa or MasterCard accepted) at DPW, One Franey Rd., or at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall.
- **TVs & Computer Monitors** - Schedule free curbside pickup in advance by calling 311 or drop off at DPW during business hours.
- **Household Furniture** - Limited to two items per week curbside with regular trash.
- **Mattresses/Boxsprings** - Place curbside with regular trash.
- **Batteries** - Non-rechargeable household batteries such as A, AA, go in the trash. Dispose of rechargeable and button cell batteries on Household Hazardous Waste Days.

Questions? Visit somervillema.gov/recycling

2015 TRASH, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE CALENDAR

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KEY

H Trash pickup is delayed by one day following a holiday for all remaining days that week

HW Household Hazardous Waste disposal days

Yard Waste pickup weeks

EVENTS

- **Rain Barrel Pickup Day**, April 11 (must pre-order by April 4)
- **Styrofoam Recycling Summer Event**, June 13
- **Styrofoam Recycling Fall Event**, September 12
(see details on cover)

HOW TO DISPOSE OF YARD AND HAZARDOUS WASTE



Photo: Natasha Burger, LifeInTheVille

- **Seasonal Yard Waste Pickup** - Place curbside on your regular trash pickup day during highlighted weeks on the calendar. Store in paper bags or barrels marked with City-issued "Yard Waste Only" stickers. Cut bush and tree limbs into 3 ft. x 3 ft. bundles and tie with only string or twine. No plastic bags allowed! Call 311 for stickers or visit DPW or City Hall.
- **Year-Round Yard Waste Dropoff** - At DPW with proof of residency, during normal business hours.
- **Christmas Trees** - Place curbside with regular trash in December and January. Remove all decorations. Do not place in plastic bag.

HW Hazardous Waste Disposal

When and Where: Second Saturday of the month from April to November, 9 a.m.-Noon at the DPW yard, One Franey Rd.

- **Open to City residents only:** Please provide a utility bill or driver's license showing a Somerville address. No businesses or rental property owners are eligible.
- **Accepted material at HW days:** Paints, thinners, cleaners, motor oil, antifreeze, mercury thermometers, car batteries, compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs, rechargeable batteries, and more. See somervillema.gov/recycling for full list.
- MATERIALS MAY NOT BE DROPPED OFF IN PLASTIC TRASH BAGS DUE TO POSSIBLE SPILLS / LEAKS.

Questions? Call 311 (or 617-666-3311)